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USINT CAIRO AND AMMAN FOR ASS'T SEC SISCO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, (JOSEPH J. SISCO)

SUBJECT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO'S VISIT TO BONN

REF: (A) STATE 217002, (B) STATE 217466, (C) STATE

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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES SISCO'S VISIT TO FRG AS VERY TIMELY OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE GERMANS WITH UP-TO-DATE BRIEFING ON SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST.

2. FROM NOON NOVEMBER 11 THROUGH EVENING NOVEMBER 14, FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL WILL BE IN WIESBADEN AT ANNUAL CONVENTION OF FREE DEMOCRATIC PARTY (FDP), OF WHICH HE IS CHAIRMAN. GIVEN NATURE OF PARTY CONVENTION, IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR SCHEEL TO RETURN TO BONN DURING THAT TIME. FONOFF THEREFORE PROPOSES THAT SISCO MEET SCHEEL IN WIESBADEN DURING MORNING OF NOVEMBER 13,
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PROCEEDING AFTERWARDS TO BONN FOR REMAINDER OF PROGRAM.

(SCHEEL IS CURRENTLY IN BRUSSELS FOR MEETING OF EC-NINE FOREIGN MINISTERS, AND FONOFF HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO PUT THIS PROPOSAL TO HIM FORMALLY; HOWEVER, THEY

ANTICIPATE NO DIFFICULTY.)

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO BE WILLING TO MEET SCHEEL IN WIESBADEN? IF SO, MOST PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE FOR SISCO'S PLANE TO FLY FROM ROME TO FRANKFURT'S RHEIN/MAIN AIRPORT WHERE SISCO WOULD BE MET BY CAR AND RETURNED FOLLOWING MEETING WITH SCHEEL. PLANE WOULD THEN PROCEED FROM RHEIN/MAIN TO COLOGNE-BONN AIRPORT.

4. FONOFF PROPOSES IN ADDITION: (A) LUNCHEON AT APPROXIMATELY 1330, PROBABLY TO BE HOSTED BY STATE SECRETARY FRANK, (B) MEETING WITH STATE SECRETARY FRANK AFTER LUNCH IN STATE SECRETARY'S OFFICE. (C) LARGER MEETING IN FONOFF WITH INTERESTED DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE AND OTHER MINISTRIES.

5. AMBASSADOR INVITES SISCO TO STAY AT RESIDENCE AND WOULD LIKE TO GIVE SMALL DINNER ON EVENING OF NOVEMBER 13. MINISTER CASH INVITES ATHERTON AND STERNER TO STAY WITH HIM.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY ASAP ON ACCEPTABILITY OF WIESBADEN MEETING WITH SCHEEL SO THAT WE CAN WORK OUT DETAILED SCHEDULE.
HILLENBRAND

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